

REMARKS

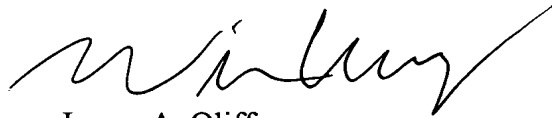
Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 8-23 and the specification are amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The sole rejection in the Office Action is a provisional rejection of claims 1-23 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-28 of co-pending Application No. 10/790,692. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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